

Oceanfront News

Winter/Spring 2002

City of Miami Beach

Neighborhood Services Department

COLLINS AVE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT BEGINS

April 8 – October 17, 2002

The Collins Avenue Reconstruction Project **between 22 and 26 streets** begins on both sides of the street and includes: installation of side drain boxes; new sidewalks; new curbs; new gutters; new lighting; landscaping; and new signalization along Collins Avenue.

Phasing of work:

West side of Collins Avenue

April 8 to Mid-July, 2002

East side of Collins Avenue

Mid-July to October 17, 2002

Neighborhood Meeting Addresses Quality of Life Issues

Approximately 50 residents attended the **Mayor on the Move** Oceanfront Neighborhood meeting held at The Palms Hotel on Monday, February 4, 2002.

Those in attendance identified a number of concerns affecting the community's quality of life. Educating the community is the first

step toward enhancing the quality of life in our neighborhoods. The following five items were identified as neighborhood priorities:

1. Provide the plan and timeline for the extension of the Boardwalk/Beachwalk project.

2. Provide an update on the beach

renourishment plan.

3. Explain the benefits of purchasing a parking permit. Provide information and fee of parking in the municipal lots.

4. Explain the process and timeline involved with issuing Code Compliance violations.

5. Provide 24-hour telephone numbers.



New Beach Erosion Project Will Break the Waters Edge

The 30th Street Erosion Control Breakwater Project, a major beach erosion control project developed over the course of seven years, will begin construction at the end of 2002.

The project will involve the construction of three erosion control reef structures in the nearshore area between 28 and 34 streets. The structures will be built of large concrete modules and

boulders, which will be trucked on to the beach from the 22 Street cross-over. The materials for the project will be staged along the eastern edge of the dunes between 22 and 28 streets. The project will also involve the relocation of about 100,000 tons of beach sand from Lummus Park up to the breakwater construction area. The sand relocation effort will require the temporary

closing of sections of Lummus Park between 7 and 14 streets to allow the excavation and loading of sand. A truck hauling route along the hard pack area from Lummus Park up to the construction area will be established for the duration of the project (60 - 90 days). Portions of the beachfront areas adjacent to the breakwater construction zone will be closed to the public through-

out the construction period. Beach access will be maintained.

Provisions will be made to temporarily relocate beach concessions within the project work areas, to relocate the lifeguard stands within the sand recovery areas in Lummus Park and to prevent any conflicts with special events.

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Beachwalk Will Extend Beyond Boardwalk

Design plans for an extension of the Beachwalk project between 21 Street (where the existing wooden boardwalk ends) and Lummus Park in South Beach have been approved. The \$3.3 million project calls for an at-grade, meandering paver-block beachwalk, with extensive landscaping and turtle-sensitive lighting. Designated beach access points will serve to preserve dune stability, vegetation and character. The 15-foot wide Beachwalk will be fully ADA compliant and meet Florida Department of Transportation requirements for pedestrian, bicycle and emergency vehicle access. The City is working towards beginning the project to by mid-summer 2002 and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2002.

Important Phone Numbers

Information & Comments
305-604-CITY(2489)

Office of the Mayor and Commission
305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager
305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)
305-673-7900

Fire (non-emergency)
305-673-7120

Neighborhood Services
305-673-7077

Community Resource & Outreach
305-673-7580

Parks & Recreation
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

City Clerk
305-673-7411

Bulky Waste Pick-Up Appointment
305-633-2700

24-Hour Services

Water & Sewer Streets Sidewalks Streetlights Stormwater
305-673-7625

Traffic Signals
305-592-3580

FPL (power outages & street lights on wooden poles)
305-442-8770

Process for Code Violations Ensures Compliance

When a violation occurs, the Code Compliance Division takes the following steps to ensure compliance with the City's ordinances.

Step #1 – an official Notice of Violation/ Notice of Hearing is issued, beginning the process for the property owner to correct the issue within a reasonable time period. Failure to comply will result in a notice to appear before the

Special Master (a hearing officer).

Step #2 – If the property owner needs additional time to comply, a request for additional time must be requested in writing to the Code Compliance Division Director. The property owner must list the reason(s) why additional time is needed.

Step #3 – The Chief Special Master, a retired Circuit Court

Judge appointed by the City Commission, appoints other Special Masters. The Chief Special Master and Special Masters are empowered to sit as Administrative Judges to hear cases with respect to Code violations (fire, property maintenance, zoning, building and City Code). The Special Masters may make a finding of guilt and will impose daily fines to compel compliance.

Code Compliance routinely works with residents and responds to requests for service. Residents are encouraged to report any potential violations to their Community Resource Coordinator at 305-673-7580 or directly to Code Compliance at 305-673-7555.

Parking Permits and Options Available to Residents

The City of Miami Beach, in an effort to provide residents with adequate parking for personal vehicles, has established six residential parking zones in several areas of the City. To park in these zones during restricted hours, vehicles must display a residential parking decal.

Residential zones are tow-away zones for those vehicles without the proper decal. They are strictly enforced. Each zone is clearly marked with street signs.

Regulations:

The zone on a permit must match the zone on the Residential Permit Parking sign in order to park there.

The permit DOES NOT exempt anyone from any posted parking regulations, yellow safety zones, obstructing sidewalks,

nor does it guarantee a parking space. All posted and public safety regulations must be observed, including restrictions for parking meters.

The permit is not transferable from vehicle to vehicle. The permit can ONLY be used on the vehicle it is issued to and MUST BE PERMANENTLY AFFIXED to the front windshield, lower corner, driver's side. Vehicles with permits taped or not properly affixed will be cited. If you change vehicles or your license plate, you must apply for a replacement permit and return the old permit. In the case of a stolen permit, one must provide the City a police report for the stolen vehicle.

The fee for a permit for six months is \$63.90, including tax, based on a \$10.65 fee

per month and prorated if purchased mid-term. The fee for a replacement or stolen permit is \$7.50. Replacement of the permit will require presentation of a government issued photo identification, a police report, if applicable, the old permit and verification in the Residential Parking Program Computer System that you were a valid decal holder.

Visitor passes CANNOT be replaced.

Visitor passes are for the accommodation of short-term visitors ONLY and must be prominently displayed. Failure to display visitor passes may lead to enforcement action, up to and including impoundment. Kindly review the message on the back of the visitor pass. The parking

department requests that the intention of the visitor passes program are honored, in order not to jeopardize the program.

Parking Lots:

The City of Miami Beach operates and maintains 64 surface parking lots. Sixty-three of the parking lots are installed with parking meters. The rate for 15 or 30 minutes is \$0.25. A majority of the parking meters are designed to allow an individual to park for up to 12 hours. Four of the City's surface parking lots are located in the Oceanfront neighborhood. They are located along Collins Avenue at the intersections of: 27th Street, 34th Street, 35th Street, 46th Street and 53rd Street. The fee for a municipal permit, which is lot specific, is \$63.90 per month, including tax.